



## **PRIORITIES FOR FUNDING**

### **2015-17 McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Grants**

The 2015-17 McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Grants will be awarded based on the quality of the application and the documented need of the grant region, and will be prioritized for Regional Consortium Projects that -

- Coordinate services to homeless children and youth across public school districts (LEAs, PSAs, and ISDs), with a minimal size of one intermediate school district;
- Coordinate services across regional and local organizations and agencies serving low-income and homeless families and youth;
- Meet or exceed the minimum MDE recommended criteria for District McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Liaisons (training and capacity) by providing technical assistance for consortium LEAs, PSAs, and ISDs in facilitating the enrollment, attendance, participation, and academic success of homeless children and youth (with needs determined by results of McKinney-Vento District Self-Assessments and Regional Consortium Needs Assessment);
- Focus services on improving the academic achievement of homeless students, Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, in addition to training and technical assistance for addressing the achievement gaps between homeless and non-homeless students in public schools;
- Address, promote and coordinate parent and family engagement in education among homeless families;
- Coordinate training and technical assistance to consortium districts for McKinney-Vento outreach and services to Special Populations (migrant, English learners, immigrant, refugee, homeless students with disabilities, unaccompanied homeless and/or runaway youth and LGBTQ youth); and
- Conduct annual program evaluation of the grant project using the NCHE Needs Assessment and Program Evaluation Toolkit and/or the MDE Evaluation Tool.

Please also see related materials posted on MDE-OFS websites:

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